



COVID-19 Emergency Operations Center

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Standard Operating Procedure Designating Zones

Subject: Designating Zones For Medical Sheltering Sites

1. Introduction

The purpose of this Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) is to provide guidance to Medical Shelter Site Management on the process of establishing hot/warm/cold zones of a medical shelter site.

The taped off zones at each facility are crucial for maintaining safety and reducing the risk of contamination amongst the teams at medical shelter sites. Each site will have both taped off thresholds and signage posted to remind and guide all individuals in infection prevention procedures.

2. Procedures

2.1. Definitions

- Cold Zone – Areas designated as having a low infection probability, all staff maintain the same level of IPC, including relevant PPE and general distancing procedures; No infectious or positive persons or contaminated PPE should enter a cold zone
- Warm Zone – Areas that have a higher potential for possible infection, such as rooms and hallways that at times had infected people passing through. All staff should use precautions.
- Hot Zones – Areas that are utilized by people suspected or infected with Covid-19; when hot zone is indoors, full IPC gowns should be utilized as

specified by the CDC, with elastic ankle, wrist cuffs, and integrated hoods, along with N95 masks, face shields and shoe coverings.

2.2. Layout

- Consult with infection prevention team members to confirm facility layout and workflow.
- Use RED tape on the floor to indicate Hot Zones.
- Use BLUE tape on the floor and any stairway railings to indicate Cold Zones
- Use signage to indicate Warm Zones